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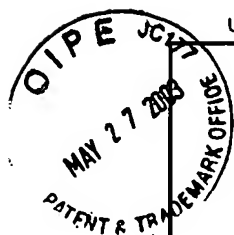


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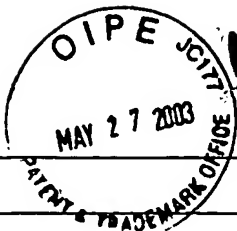
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Examiner Name	R.G. Hutson
Title: <i>Mono- and diacylglycerol acyltransferases and methods of use thereof</i>	

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003. The Office Action set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before May 24, 2003. May 24, 2003 fell on a Saturday; and Monday, May 26, 2003 was a Federal holiday. This response is being filed on May 27, 2003, i.e., the next business day following May 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. REMARKS

The Office Action set forth a Restriction Requirement, and an Election of Species requirement, as follows.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-3, 7, and 8-10, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a MGAT1 or DGAT2a product, vector and host cells comprising said polynucleotide sequence and methods of expression of said polynucleotide;
- Group II: Claims 4-6, drawn to an isolated MGAT1 or DGAT2a polypeptides;
- Group III: Claims 11-14, drawn to an antibody directed against the DGAT2a polypeptide;
- Group IV: Claims 15-18, drawn to method of inhibiting the activity of a SGAT2A protein;
- Group V: Claims 19-21, drawn to methods of modulating a symptom in a mammalian host of a disease condition associated with SGAT2a activity;
- Group VI: Claim 22, drawn to a method of producing a triacylglycerol; and
- Group VII: Claim 23, drawn to a method of identifying an agent that inhibits an acyltransferase.